

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 197
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Katherine W. Sleighter
for her meritorious service to the citizens of
Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Kathy Sleighter, who has served as the librarian for the South Cheatham Library in Kingston Springs, Tennessee since May 1, 1987; and

WHEREAS, a diligent and tireless community servant, Mrs. Sleighter has developed the Book Club for Adults, the Friends of the Library support group, and a conversational Spanish program for pre-school and elementary age children; and

WHEREAS, evincing great commitment to education, Kathy Sleighter established the Memorial Book Fund and the Inter-Library Program and created a year-round children's reading program for the Kingston Springs community; and

WHEREAS, using her amazing organizational talents, Mrs. Sleighter expanded the South Cheatham Library by building a children's reading room through donations and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sleighter holds a Library Director's Certification from the Public Library Institute at Austin Peay University; she helped to organize community volunteers to build the library building in Kingston Springs as part of the State's Homecoming 1986 Celebration; and

WHEREAS, utilizing her substantial writing skills, she wrote the Gates Grant that enabled the South Cheatham Library to develop its Computer Center, which provides free

Internet access for the community, as well as an advanced computer system unusual for a library of its size; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Sleighter also helped organize the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Holiday Cookie Contest which have been held at the library for many years; and

WHEREAS, working as a fundraiser and a transporter, Mrs. Sleighter brought "The Tree" to the South Cheatham Library; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with the South Cheatham Library, Kathy Sleighter has served as PTO President, Girl Scout Leader, Treasurer of the Tennessee Library Association, and a member of the State Committee for Minimum Standards in Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sleighter epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Sleighter is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband; their marriage has been blessed with two children and four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mrs. Sleighter for her dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Katherine W. Sleighter for her meritorious service to the Kingston Springs community and the State of Tennessee as a Librarian for the South Cheatham Library.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.